Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Where the Board considers it necessary to see the persons and interview them there is no objection to the Board for doing that.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I am sorry, sir, my question has not been correctly understood. My question was what is the idea behind the rule that a viva voce examination if necessary may be conducted?

Mr. President: May I suggest to the Hon'ble Member that if he wants an answer this question should be directed to the authors of the rule. *(Laughter).* They don't say what was the intention for framing the rule in a particular matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The rule has to be interpreted, sir, by the person who administer it.

Mr. President: Order, order. The Hon'ble Member may ask how the Board interprets that rule.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In the light of the helpful suggestion given by the Chair, may I know, sir, how the Staff Selection Board has interpreted this rule?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I answered that question by way of reply to the Hon'ble Member's previous supplementary question. Where the Board considers that a personal interview and questioning is necessary or desirable the Board is not prohibited from doing it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it not, sir, for the purpose of selecting the best candidate from a group belonging to a particular community to which that appointment has to go that provision has been made for viva voce?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* If the Board considers that a viva voce examination is necessary they can do so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, sir, whether it is not for the purpose of selecting the best candidate from a particular group to which appointment should go that provision has been made for viva voce?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I have answered the question. This is the way in which the Board is working ever since its constitution.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I am not asking about the system of the working of the Board. My pointed question is whether the viva voce examination mentioned in rule No. 4 is not for the purpose of selecting the best candidate from a particular community to which that appointment has to go.

Mr. President: Order, order. That question has been answered. The Hon'ble Member cannot expect the Government to answer the question in words of his own choice. In substance, the question has already been answered.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I take it Sir, that the rule is for the purpose of selecting the best candidate from a community a viva voce examination should be conducted. Is that not the rule?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No. Where the Board considers that a viva voce examination is useful or necessary the Board may do so.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What is rule No. 4 of the rules framed by Government.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* For selecting the best man the Board is at liberty, they are not prohibited from summoning and if they feel that they should have a personal interview with the candidate they are at liberty to question him.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, sir, whether that discretion, has been exercised in any one instance?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* In making certain classes of appointments we always call the man and ask a few questions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Under the provision of Rule No. 4 has there been, sir, one solitary instance at least of viva voce examination being conducted.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Several.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)* May I know whether the Government has read the speach delivered by the Travancore Diwan regarding the tests for candidates wishing to enter the service, condensation, precis writing, etc.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* I fear I missed it.

TOTAL NUMBER OF FRESH APPOINTMENTS MADE FROM EACH COMMUNITY— INCLUSION IN THE ADMINISTRATION REPORT

34. Mr. K. R. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.— whether their attention has been drawn to an article by Mr. T. C. Gopalan published on

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page 4 of the "Sahodaran" newspaper in its issue dated 16th October, 1943, in which the desirability of giving in the communal representation table published as Appendix to the Administration Report, the total number of fresh appointments made from each community in the State in various grades in the course of the year and the numerical strength of each community, has been pointed out.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government);* Yes.

Mr. K. R. Achyuthan *(Trichur-Ezhuvas):* May I know whether the Government have any difficulty to accept the suggestion?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* They have not looked into the question whether it is possible or not.

PARTICULARS REGARDING THE BIRTH PLACE, ETC., OF CERTAIN PERSONS APPOINTED BY THE STAFF SELECTION BOARD

35. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) (*i*) the birth places of the parents and of themselves of the following persons appointed on the recommendation of the Staff Selection Board as per order, dated 20th June 1944 in Notification No. 361 of Part I of the Gazette, dated 11th Mithunam 1119 after correctly verifying these through the Diwan Peishkar quoting the extracts of the birth and death Registers of the Taluks in which they are born if the birth places in which they are born ;

No. 29 Other Christian (Jacobite) K. B. John Paul, B.A., L.T. (Chemistry)
No. 45 ,, ,, K. F. Mathew, B.A. (Chemistry)
No. 107 ,, (Mar Thoma) C. S. Kochanna, B.Sc. (Zoology)

(*ii*) whether any of these persons, or their father or mother or tharwad or thavazhi own landed properties in Cochin ;

(*iii*) if so, the survey number and the Taluk, Village, date of acquisition of those properties ;

(*b*) whether they can produce certificates from their respective parishes ;

(*c*) the parishes in the State each belongs to ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) (*i*) The birth places of the applicants as given in their applications to the Staff Selection Board are given below. The information regarding the birth places of their parents is not available.

1.	K. B. John Paul	Trichur
2.	K. F. Mathew	,,
3.	C. S. Kochanna	Kunnamkulam

The Diwan Peishkar has been requested to verify details and report.

(*ii*) Number 3 has stated that she owns landed property acquired through inheritance. Numbers 1 and 2 do not possess properties as evidenced from their applications.

(*iii*) The information is not available.

(*b*) and (*c*) The applicants have been asked to supply the information.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Has the Diwan Peishkar submitted his report to the Government.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* It has not yet been received.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Diwan Peishkar will be able to give the information before the session is over.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I shall try.

DEFINITION OF TERM "UNDER-GRADUATE"

36. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state the definition of the term under-graduate in the matter of promotions to higher scales of pay ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* In connection with questions of promotions an under-graduate is taken to mean a complete S.S.L.C. or a complete or incomplete Intermediate or an incomplete graduate.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether in the matter of promotions an undergraduate will not be preferred to an S.S.L.C.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* No such distinction is generally made.

NUISANCE IN PUBLIC ROADS OF TRICHUR—PREVENTION OF

37. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.— whether the Trichur Municipality is at present taking stringent measures to prevent persons from making use of the public roads and lanes for answering calls of nature ?

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